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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, LE, KU
SUBJECT: ERUPTION OF FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

REF: (A) STATE 167997, (B) KUWAIT 3853.

1. EARLY JULY 4 I REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OR PRIME MINISTER TO CONVEY DEEP CONCERN OF USG OVER DETERIORATING SITUATION IN BEIRUT. RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL JULY 8 WHEN MEETING WITH FON MIN MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, I MADE POINTS REF A TO ACTING UNDERSECRETARY, MFA ON JULY 5.

2. I SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MY INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN DRAFTED EVENING OF JULY 2, MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME INDICATED THAT THERE IS NOW SUBSTANTIALLY NO RPT NO MORE LIKELIHOOD OF ACHIEVING FIRM CEASEFIRE THAN WAS TRUE EARLIER. I SAID THAT CONTINUED FIGHTING WAS CAUSING THE LOSS OF MANY INNOCENT LIVES AND THAT ITS CONTINUATION WOULD BENEFIT NO ONE. REMINDING ACTING UNDERSECRETARY OF KUWAIT'S ROLE AS CONTRIBUTOR TO ARAB DETERRANT FORCE, I SAID THAT MY

GOVERNMENT ASSUMES KUWAIT REMAINS CONCERNED FOR STABILITY IN LEBANON AND THAT WE WERE URGING GOK TO USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE PARTIES TO THE FIGHTING URGING MAXIMUM RESTRAINT.

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3. ACTING UNDERSECRETARY MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE. HE SAID THAT, SPEAKING FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MY MESSAGE WAS APPRECIATED BOTH FOR THE CONCERN IT EXPRESSED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON AND FOR THE RESPECT IT CONVEYED FOR KUWAITI INFLUENCE ON EVENTS THERE.

THE MESSAGE WOULD BE PASSED URGENTLY TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER AND ANY REPLY CONVEYED TO ME AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.
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